

DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David A. Fox on April 08, 2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 1, line 7, the limitation "the user" has been replaced by --- a user ---.

In claim 1, line 26, the limitation "the conference call" has been replaced by --- a conference call ---.

In claim 19, line 4, the limitation "the control engine" has been replaced by --- a control engine ---.

In claim 19, line 6, the limitation "the user" has been replaced by --- a user ---.

In claim 19, line 27, the limitation "the database" has been replaced by --- a database ---.

In claim 19, line 28, the limitation "the conference call" has been replaced by --- a conference call ---.

In claim 19, line 31, the limitation "the conference call database" has been replaced by --- a conference call database ---.

In claim 26, line 11, the limitation "the user" has been replaced by --- a user ---.

In claim 26, line 12, the limitation "the future audio conference request" has been replaced by --- a future audio conference request ---.

In claim 26, line 12, the limitation "a call control engine" has been replaced by --- the call control engine ---.

In claim 26, line 13, the limitation "the future audio conference" has been replaced by --- a future audio conference ---.

In claim 26, line 24, the limitation "the teleconference" has been replaced by --- a teleconference ---.

In claim 26, line 29, the limitation "the conference call" has been replaced by --- a conference call ---.

Claims 23-24 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of:

a timer facility having one or more timers for being set when the future audio conference request is created by the host party, wherein upon expiration of a pre-determined timer setting, indicating that a conference call is to be placed, the call control engine retrieves the future audio conference request information from the conference call database, the future audio conference request information including an entry for the conference call and a timer, the expiration of which indicating that the conference call is to be placed thereby enabling the call facility to begin placing audio

connections, wherein the call control engine sets up the future audio conference upon at least one of the expiration of the timers in the timer facility, and a polling of the conference call database to determine whether it is time to retrieve the future audio conference request information and set up the future audio conference, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

Regarding claim 19, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of:

retrieving a database entry, including a timer, the expiration of which indicating that the conference call is to be placed, at the future meeting time, in response to at least one of an expiration of a timer in a timer facility, indicating that the conference call is to be placed, the timer being set when the future audio conference request is created by the host party, and a polling of a conference call database to determine whether it is time to retrieve the future audio conference request information and set up the future audio conference, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

Regarding claim 26, the prior art fails to teach a combination of the steps of:

retrieving the teleconference information at the teleconference date and time, in response to at least one of an expiration of a timer in the timer facility, the timer being set when the future audio conference request is created by the host party, and the timer expiring when a conference call is to be placed, and a polling of the conference call database to determine whether it is time to retrieve the future audio conference request information and set up the future audio conference, in the specific combination as recited in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TOAN D. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3153. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00AM-4:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 571-272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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